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ELECTRICITY ACT (CHAPTER 89A)

ELECTRICITY (CONTESTABLE CONSUMERS) (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 2019

In exercise of the powers conferred by sections 41(1) and 103(1) of the Electricity Act, the Energy Market Authority of Singapore, with the approval of the Minister for Trade and Industry, makes the following Regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations are the Electricity (Contestable Consumers) (Amendment) Regulations 2019 and come into operation on 1 May 2019.

Amendment of regulation 2

2. Regulation 2 of the Electricity (Contestable Consumers) Regulations 2018 (G.N. No. S 159/2018) (called in these Regulations the principal Regulations) is amended by deleting paragraph (2).

Amendment of regulation 3

- **3.** Regulation 3 of the principal Regulations is amended by deleting paragraphs (1), (2) and (3) and substituting the following paragraphs:
 - "(1) Subject to regulations 4 and 5, a consumer is classified as a contestable consumer in respect of any premises lawfully used or occupied by the consumer if the consumer has a contestable consumer account with an MSSL for those premises.
 - (2) An MSSL must, without undue delay after receiving an application made by a consumer to open a contestable consumer account for any subject premises, open such account.".

Amendment of regulation 5

4. Regulation 5 of the principal Regulations is amended by deleting paragraph (4).

Amendment of regulation 7

- **5.** Regulation 7 of the principal Regulations is amended
 - (a) by deleting the words "and regulation 2(2)" in paragraph (2);
 - (b) by deleting paragraph (3) and substituting the following paragraph:
 - "(3) Despite paragraph (2), where the account of the consumer with the MSSL (whether or not as a contestable consumer) has been opened for any of the subject premises or specified non-residential premises of the consumer for less than the 12-month period mentioned in paragraph (2), then
 - (a) the average monthly electricity consumption at those premises is to be calculated over the period for which the account for the premises has been opened; or
 - (b) if the account has been opened for less than the whole of the month immediately preceding the application month for those premises, the average monthly electricity consumption at those premises is the electricity consumption in that preceding month."; and
 - (c) by deleting the words "by contestable consumer" in the regulation heading and substituting the words "to MSSL".

New regulation 7A

6. The principal Regulations are amended by inserting, immediately after regulation 7, the following regulation: